

Application No. 10/632,920

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully studied the outstanding Official Action mailed on June 9, 2004. This response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The specification did not have an abstract as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). The abstract is submitted herewith.

Claims 1-5, 9 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Day (US5261124).

Claims 1, 10 and 11 stand rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Gatchalian (US5412812).

Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gatchalian.

Applicant notes with gratitude that claims 6-8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form with all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 6-8 have been so amended and are now deemed allowable. Although the above rejections are traversed, for the purposes of expedited allowance, claims 1-5 and 9-12 have been canceled.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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